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SIMMONS CONTINUES TO ADDRESS EASTERN CONNECTICUT'S TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

*Connecticut's Only Transportation Committee Member
Secures More Than \$5.2 Million In Annual Spending Measure*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Rob Simmons, R-2nd District, today announced he has secured \$5.245 million for seven (7) local eastern Connecticut infrastructure projects. The funding was part of the fiscal year 2007 Transportation-Treasury-HUD Appropriations bill which is expected to pass the House later this afternoon.

“Transportation infrastructure maintenance and construction is a priority in the Second District. Today’s bipartisan action by the House ensures federal funding for these important local projects,” Simmons said. “Once again, Congress will have delivered critical federal dollars to improve our rail, bridges, roads and quality of life.”

The annual Transportation-Treasury-HUD spending bill includes funding for seven projects in five towns in eastern Connecticut. They include:

- \$1.52 million for improvements to Route 82 in Norwich.
- \$980,000 for the reconstruction of Pearl Street in Enfield.
- \$750,000 for the Southeastern Area Transport Authority (SEAT) tourist transit project in Norwich.
- \$700,000 for parking improvements at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield.
- \$500,000 for the senior housing expansion project in Willington.
- \$500,000 for the Indian Valley YMCA to expand services to the Ellington-Vernon region.
- \$295,000 for streetscape improvements in the Thompsonville section of Enfield.

The annual spending measure also provides \$1.14 billion for Amtrak. Simmons has been a leading supporter in Congress of Amtrak.

The Senate will soon consider its version of the annual Transportation-Treasury-HUD spending bill.

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